

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
January 16, 2015
Boise, Idaho

President Paul Rippel called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:35 a.m. at The Law Center in Boise. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Tim Gresback, Trudy Fouser, Michelle Points, Dennis Voorhees, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Mahmood Sheikh and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code § 3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code § 67-2341(4)(a), it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admissions and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. At 12:05 p.m., it was further moved, seconded and passed, after an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, to go into an Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation. The Executive Session adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court – The Commissioners discussed the previous day's meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court. The meeting with the Court included the following topics: Contested Judicial Election Survey, 2014 Resolution Process, Court Legislative and Budget Priorities, Admission Issues, *Access to Justice Idaho* Update, and National Mock Trial Competition.

ALPS Attorney Match – The Commissioners were joined remotely by ALPS Executive Vice President Chris Newbold. Mr. Newbold explained the ALPS Attorney Match program, an online program designed to bring together those that are leaving the profession with those entering the profession. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to pursue the launch of the ALPS Attorney Match program in Idaho.

Foundations for Practice Survey – The Commissioners considered a request to survey Idaho State Bar members regarding what lawyers believe to be the competencies, skills and attributes that new lawyers need to succeed. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve dissemination of the survey to the Bar members.

Denton Darrington Annual Lecture on Law & Government – The Commissioners were provided with information about the lecture, scheduled for February 5, 2015.

Succession Plan for ED – The Commissioners were provided with a draft succession plan for the Executive Director. The Commissioners agreed the plan was acceptable. The Commissioners discussed whether or not succession planning was needed for other staff positions.

Idaho Code Commission – Idaho Code Commissioner Dan Bowen joined the meeting to discuss the work of the Idaho Code Commission. Mr. Bowen explained that the Code Commission was responsible for publishing Idaho laws and rules, including annotations that are dependable and usable. He reviewed the current work of the Commission and discussed possible changes in the configuration of the Commission. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of providing the annotated code published by Michie Company as a benefit to Idaho State Bar members.

Disciplinary/Admission information – The Commissioners were provided with the following Idaho Supreme Court disciplinary orders: Richard E. Kriger and Danny Radokovich. They were also provided with the Idaho Supreme Court order denying Nicholas J. Pontarolo’s petition to waive Idaho Bar Commission Rules 202(a)(3) and 217(d); and the Idaho Supreme Court order granting Concordia University School of Law its Petition to Extend Order Granting Waiver of the Approved Law School Requirement of Idaho Bar Commission Rule 226(b)(2) and (e)(3) for Purposes of Obtaining Legal Intern License.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the unaudited December financial reports. At the end of December, 101.2% of revenue was collected and 99.4% of expenses incurred.

2015 Budget - Controller Debbie Dudley joined the meeting to review the proposed 2015 budget. After review and discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the budget as submitted.

2014 Auditors Agreement – The Commissioners were provided with the agreement from Eide Bailly to audit the 2014 Idaho State Bar financial records. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the auditor’s agreement with EideBailly.

Lease Agreement – The Commissioners were provided with the final executed lease agreement between the Idaho State Bar and Idaho Law Foundation.

MEMBER SERVICES

2015 Proposed Annual Meeting schedule – Deputy Director Mahmood Sheikh reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Sun Valley. The Commissioners discussed the proposed list of speakers.

Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section Request to Amend Bylaws – The Commissioners considered a request from the Section to amend its bylaws to add a Governing Council member representing the Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE). It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section’s request to amend its bylaws to add an additional member to the Governing Council that represents ACE.

Section Fund Balances – Deputy Director Sheikh reported that two sections were currently over the fund balance cap. The Dispute Resolution Section requested a waiver until the end of

February to allow time for the new officers to address the issue. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Dispute Resolution Section's request for a waiver of the fund balance limit until the end of February. T

The Diversity Section has additional funds also and plans to use the funds to support its "Love the Law" program. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Diversity Section's request for a waiver of the fund balance to support the Love the Law Program, with the understanding that the Section will provide a written report to the Commissioners formalizing how and when the Section plans to expend the funds.

Idaho Women Lawyers Event – Deputy Director Sheikh recommended purchasing a table at the biennial IWL event for ISB leadership and staff. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the purchase of the table at the March 4, 2015 IWL event.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director